

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 21, 2002 (BOS Mtg. 04/02/02)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Approval of Procurement Action

The attached resolution provides for the approval of County purchases by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with its policy for procurements of over \$30,000. The Board's approval is requested for procurement of the following:

Tide Mill Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station Project – An Invitation for Bids (IFB) was issued and advertised for the construction of a pump station to support the Tidemill Road Sanitary Sewer Project in accordance with the Utilities Strategic Capital Plan. (The contract for the gravity line work has previously been approved by the Board of Supervisors and is currently under construction.) Additionally, many reputable contractors were contacted by Staff to inform them of the IFB for the Tide Mill Pumping Station. Prior to closing of the bid period, Staff again contacted contractors and all plan holders. It was determined that many of the plan holders had elected not to bid on this project. The predominant reason was they had recently been awarded similar projects and did not have the manpower to perform the work should they also be awarded the Tide Mill Pumping Station Project. (Currently, James City County, Newport News and Wal-Mart are all advertising and awarding pumping station projects.) Two bids were received in response to the solicitation with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder being J. Sanders Construction Co. (West Point) in the amount of \$358,900. The difference in the two bids was less than 1% (\$1,850.00) indicating the contract documents were clear and complete. Both bids were approximately 8% less than the engineer's estimate of probable costs, indicating the bids were fair and reasonable. Furthermore, the low bidder, J. Saunders Construction Co., has successfully completed several sanitary sewer, water, and stormwater projects for the County, including the construction of the Calthrop Neck Road Vacuum Station in a timely fashion demonstrating their ability to perform the required work. Sufficient funds are available in the Water and Sewer Extension Fund to complete this project.

This procurement has been conducted in accordance with State procurement laws and/or County procurement policy and I recommend that it be approved through the adoption of Proposed Resolution R02-71.

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Attachment
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